

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A polymeric, surgical clip having first and second curved legs with each
having a pair of opposing side surfaces joined at their proximal ends by a
flexible hinge section and movable from an open position to a closed position
for clamping a vessel between curved opposing inner surfaces. The first leg
terminates at its distal end in a female locking member, and the second leg
member terminates in a male locking member complimentary to the female
locking member such that when the first and second leg members are moved
10 from an open position to a closed position about the hinge section the male
member is lockingly engaged in the female locking member. The clip has at
least one cutting guide extending outward from and disposed along at least a
portion of the length of at least one of the side surfaces of at least one of the
first and second legs. The cutting guide aids in cutting the ligated tissue a safe
15 distance from the clip such that a tissue cuff is formed.